

Private Foundations
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Funding Source	Who's Eligible	Fund Uses	Amount of Funds Available	Application Details	Link/Contact for more info
Beim Foundation, The	501c3. Primarily in MN, also in MT (Counties of Park and Gallatin); CO (County of Boulder); ME (County of Cumberland); Seattle, WA	Foster sustainable natural resource use through community based projects. Incl. support for small capital and equipt grants.	Average \$2,000 - \$10,000.	Deadline: July 16 for 2008.	URL: http://www.beimfoundation.org
Blue Moon Fund, Inc.	501c3s	Interests include renewable energy and sustainable development.	Grants average \$150,000.	Pre-selects orgs; and rarely takes unsolicited proposals.	www.bluemoonfund.org
Bonneville Environmental Foundation	OR, WA, ID, MT private person, organization, local or tribal gov't	Support renewable energy projects.	Average \$40,000, up to significant investments. Not to exceed 33% of total capital costs.	Quarterly: March, June, Sept, Dec.	URL: http://www.b-e-f.org/index.shtm
Brainerd Foundation	501c3 working in Northwest US, BC, and Yukon Territory	Support for conservation services, advocacy, and policy gains at state and local levels.	Grants ave. \$20,000-\$50,000; with some \$100,000+.	Proposals by invitation only. Initial approach by LOI. See web site.	www.brainerd.org
Broadbent Family Foundation, Inc.	501c3s in FL, MA, MT, NY, OH	Giving primarily for education and wildlife preservation.	Range from \$500 to \$25,000.	Contributes only to pre-selected organizations	John P. Bailey, Executive Director, P.O. Box 1019, Livingston, MT 59047
Bullitt Foundation	AK, ID, MT, OR, WA non-profits	Promote renewable energy and energy efficiency. (Doesn't fund capital projects incl. equipt or bldg construction)	Average: \$10,000-\$50,000. High: \$250,000.	Deadline: May 1 and Nov. 1	URL: http://www.bullitt.org
Bush Foundation	501c3s primarily in MN, ND, SD, and tribally controlled or historically black colleges throughout US	Interests include initiatives that link human and ecological health including the promotion of renewable energy.	No information available.	Submit LOI by Dec, April, Aug. See website.	www.bushfoundation.org
Cinnabar Foundation, The	501c3s and individuals working primarily in greater Yellowstone area (ID, MT, WY)	Include conservation advocacy, education, and research.	Range \$1,000-\$10,000.	Application form required. The deadline is generally March 31, with final notification on May 31.	James Posewitz, V.P.; 219 Vawter St., Helena, MT 59601-5792. (406) 449-2795. E-mail: cinnabar@bresnan.net

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Claiborne, Liz & Ortenberg, Art, Foundation	Projects in communities of Montana and Western US states historically dependant upon extractive industries and agriculture.	Encourage local initiatives to address diminishing resources, technological change and job loss. Support conservation through cooperation.	Grants average \$15,000-\$50,000.	No deadline. Board meets in spring and fall.	http://www.lcaof.org
Doris Duke Charitable Foundation	Non-profits, research institutions, and universities working to develop policies and technologies that lead to a clean-energy economy.	Climate Change Initiative promotes practical approaches to reducing carbon emissions.	Unknown.	Submit LOI. Most grants awarded through competitive RFPs or by invitation.	www.ddcf.org
Education Foundation of America, The	501c3	Focus includes energy and environment, education, and programs benefiting Native Americans.	Ave. \$50,000-\$100,000.	See website. Send LOI via e-mail only to loi@efaw.org	www.efaw.org
Edwards Mother Earth Foundation	501c3	Interests include sustainable building practices; renewable energy; and environmental pollution.	Average \$30,000 with some \$150,000 +.	Applications by invitation only. Submit LOI electronically via website.	www.fsrequests.com/EMEF
Emily Hall Tremain	501c3s, primarily in Northeast US	Focus areas include promoting climate change solutions at the state level and protecting open space.	Grants average \$50,000-\$100,000.	See website. Unsolicited proposals and letters of inquiry are not encouraged.	www.tremainefoundation.org
Energy Foundation	Generally, 501c3's.	Support state and regional opps for renewable energy, energy efficiency, and climate change mitigation. Does not fund community energy projects, renovations, retrofits, nor equipt purchases.	Average \$100,000+, with some upwards of \$470,000.	Accept proposal on continuous basis. Deadlines are at least 12 weeks in advance of the next board meeting (1st week of Mar.; 3rd week of June; 1st week of Nov.).	www.ef.org

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Engelhard, Charles Foundation, The	501c3 conservation organizations (commonly)	Types of support include building/renovation; capital campaigns; conferences and seminars; general/operating support.	Average \$10,000-\$70,000.	Unsolicited requests for funds will not be considered.	The Charles Engelhard Foundation; c/o Engelhard Hanovia, Inc., Olympic Towers, 645 Fifth Avenue, 7th Floor; New York, NY 10022-5910. Contact: Mary Ogorzaly, Secy. E-mail: mary@engelhardhanovia.com
First Interstate BancSystem Foundation	501c3s in MT and WY.	Community development.	Ave. \$5,000. The foundation matches funds awarded by local branch.	Contact local branch first.	http://www.firstinterstatebank.com/foundation/index.html
Gilhousen Family Foundation	Primarily 501c3s in Gallatin Co., MT and preselected orgs outside of MT.	Primarily for higher education	Range from \$10,000 to \$510,000	Initial approach with LOI. Deadlines are 3/31, 6/30, 9/30, 12/31.	Contact: Patti A. Guptill, Admin. 599 Hightower Rd, Bozeman, MT 59718. (503) 643-4183. Email: foundation.admin@gilhousen.net.
Henry M. Jackson	501c3, primarily in Northwest US	Interests include promoting balance between environmental protection and economic development, initiatives for smart growth and energy policy.	Recent grants in \$30,000 or less range with some \$200,000+	Submit LOI. See website.	www.hmjackson.org
Henry P. Kendall Foundation, The	501c3's in Northwest US, Northeast US, and W.Canada	Northeast US: focus on climate change mitigation and energy programs. Northwest: focus on landscape conservation.	Average \$10,000 - \$100,000	Unsolicited proposals and inquiries will not be reviewed. Board meets in March, June, and November.	URL: http://www.kendall.org
Hewlett, William and Flora Foundation	501c3s	Renewable energy projects. Does not fund renewable energy equipt purchase.	Grants average \$100,000-\$500,000.	No deadline. Online submission via website.	www.hewlett.org

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John Merck Fund, The	501c3's	Interests include renewable energy production, and climate change mitigation. Favored projects incl pilot projects with potential for widespread application.	Average \$25,000 with range of \$10,000-\$100,000.	Submission of unsolicited applications discouraged. Initial approach with LOI.	www.jmfund.org
Kresge Foundation, The	501c3's. No support for K-12 schools nor community colleges.	Focus on strengthening non-profit orgs. Support incl. green building planning grants, facilities construction or renovation, and equipt purchase.	Average grants of \$500,000 with range from \$30,000-\$3M.	No deadlines. See web site. Initial approach by letter or proposal. Board meets in March, June, September, and December.	www.kresge.org
Laird Norton Foundation	501c3's of Pac Northwest (AK, ID, MT, OR, WA)	Support watershed protection programs and projects. Special interest in programs designed to engage different local or regional stakeholders in the process. Does not fund university or college projects.	Range \$7,500-\$30,000	For 2008, deadline for LOI's is Feb. 1.	URL: http://www.lairdnorton.org
Lawrence Foundation, The	501c3s, public schools and libraries	Environmental, education, health and human services and other causes.	\$10,000-\$500,000	Bi-annual funding cycle. Deadline: March 31 or Sept. 30.	http://www.thelawrencefoundation.org/
M. J. Murdock Charitable Trust	AK, ID, MT, OR, WA Non-profit 501(c)(3), hospitals, tribal entities. Public K-12 schools and universities are not eligible.	Varies from research to construction of educational buildings and acquisition of equipment, among many others.	Average \$175,000, Max. \$600,000. Likely to cover 20-50% of installation costs.	Submit LOI.	URL: http://www.murdock-trust.org

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Northwestern Energy	501c3's operating in service territories of MT, SD, NE	Support for resource conservation, community development, arts, education, health and human services. Types of support incl. physical improvements and equipt purchases.	Unknown	Application form available online.	http://www.northwesternenergy.com/
Robert M. Lee	Non-profits, primarily in Western US	Interests include support for preservation and protection of wildlife and natural resources.	Grants average \$5,000.	No deadlines.	970 Icehouse Avenue Sparks, NV 89431 (775) 331-0414 Contact: Scott Bergen, Trustee
Steele-Reese Foundation, The	501c3's serving rural areas of ID, MT, KY, NC, TN.	Interests incl rural conservation, community development, education, health and welfare, arts.	Range \$25,000 to \$125,000.	See website. Open application period with decisions made in June.	URL: http://www.Steele-Reese.org
Stimson-Miller Foundation, The	Giving primarily in northern ID, western MT, Portland and northwest OR, and eastern WA.	Fields of interest include arts, community development, education, health care, and other areas	Range \$2,000 to \$25,000	Application form available on foundation web site. Deadline is August 1. Board meets in October for grantmaking decisions.	www.stimsonmillerfoundation.org
Surdna Foundation, Inc.	501c3's	Support programs to stabilize climate change at local, state, nat'l level and for community revitalization. No grants for capital campaigns or building construction.	Average \$100,000.	Submit LOI and proposal by request only.	www.surdna.org
Turner Foundation	Programs in priority states incl MT, NM, AK, SC, GA, FL.	Interests include clean energy and sustainable living programs. Support for advocacy, organizing, public education, and hands-on conservation work.	Average \$50,000 to \$100,000.	By invitation-only grantmaking process. Letters of inquiry and unsolicited proposals are not accepted.	www.turnerfoundation.org

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Wallace Global Fund	501c3s	Interests include programs that promote renewable energy and reduce ghg emissions.	Ave. \$50,000. Range from \$2,000- \$400,000.	No deadlines. See website. Board meets 3 times/yr.	www.wgf.org
WestWind Foundation	NGO's working in Southeastern US.	Support for programs that work to mitigate climate change, and promotion of state and regional collaboratives.	Ave. \$35,000.	See website. Does not accept unsolicited proposals.	www.westwindfoundation.org